

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7699–S7777*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1617–1632, S.J. Res. 16, and S. Res. 235–236. **Page S7730**

**Measures Reported:**

S. Res. 105, designating September 2007 as “Campus Fire Safety Month”.

S. Res. 215, designating September 25, 2007, as “National First Responder Appreciation Day”.

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**Measures Passed:**

**Use of Capitol Rotunda:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 164, authorizing the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol building for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug. **Page S7776**

**National Men’s Health Week:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 213, supporting National Men’s Health Week, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7776–77**

**Army Specialist Joseph P. Micks Federal Flag Code Amendment Act:** Senate passed H.R. 692, to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7777**

**Measures Considered:**

**Clean Energy Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6, to reduce our Nation’s dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7680–7719**

**Adopted:**

Salazar Modified Amendment No. 1572 (to Amendment No. 1502), to reduce United States dependence on foreign oil by promoting the development of plug-in electric vehicles, deploying near-term programs to electrify the transportation sector, and including electric drive vehicles in the fleet purchasing programs. **Pages S7707–09, S7716–18**

**Rejected:**

McConnell (for Domenici) Amendment No. 1538 (to Amendment No. 1537), to provide for the establishment of a Federal clean portfolio standard. (By 56 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 211), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S7691**

**Withdrawn:**

By 43 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 212), Warner Modified Amendment No. 1566 (to Amendment No. 1502), to authorize the State of Virginia to petition for authorization to conduct natural gas exploration and drilling activities in the coastal zone of the State. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S7696–97, S7708–15**

Menendez Modified Amendment No. 1578 (to Amendment No. 1502), to authorize the State of Virginia to petition for authorization to conduct natural gas exploration and drilling activities in the coastal zone of the State. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, if Amendment No. 1566 (to Amendment No. 1502) failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S7697–S7703, S7712–15**

**Pending:**

Reid Amendment No. 1502, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7680**

Reid (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1537 (to Amendment No. 1502), to provide for a renewable portfolio standard. **Page S7680**

Klobuchar (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1573 (to Amendment No. 1537), to provide for a renewable portfolio standard. **Pages S7693–96**

Bingaman (for Klobuchar) Amendment No. 1557 (to Amendment No. 1502), to establish a national greenhouse gas registry. **Pages S7711–12**

Kohl Amendment No. 1519 (to Amendment No. 1502), to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal. **Pages S7705–06**

Kohl (for DeMint) Amendment No. 1546 (to Amendment 1502), to provide that legislation that would increase the national average fuel prices for automobiles is subject to a point of order in the Senate. **Pages S7706, S7708–09**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, June 15, 2007. **Page S7777**

**Senator Thomas Tributes—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the tributes to Senator Thomas in the Congressional Record be printed as a Senate document and that Senators be permitted to submit statements for inclusion until June 29, 2007. **Page S7776**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to blocking the property of certain persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Belarus as declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–16)

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S7729**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S7729**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S7729**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S7726–28**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S7754–76**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S7776**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S7776**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—212) **Pages S7691, S7715**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:13 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 15, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7777.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008; and

An original bill making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

Also, completed its review of 302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee in S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1606, to provide for the establishment of a comprehensive policy on the care and management of wounded warriors in order to facilitate and enhance their care, rehabilitation, physical evaluation, transition from care by the Department of Defense to care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and transition from military service to civilian life, with amendments.

### PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMPETITION ISSUES

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine public safety and competition issues, focusing on the 700MHz auction of wireless communications licenses for radio spectrum, after receiving testimony from Wanda S. McCarley, Tarrant County 9–1–1 District, Fort Worth, Texas, on behalf of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International and the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council; Paul J. Cosgrave, City of New York Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications, and Amol R. Sarva, Txtbl, on behalf of the Wireless Founders Coalition for Innovation, both of New York, New York; James L. Barksdale, Frontline Wireless, LLC, Washington, D.C.; Philip J. Weiser, University of Colorado Silicon Flatirons Program, Boulder; Richard J. Lynch, Verizon Wireless, Basking Ridge, New Jersey; and Michael J. Small, Centennial Communications Corporation, Wall, New Jersey, on behalf of the Wireless Association.